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FOR GERSHINSON AND WATSON FROM AMBASSADOR LUCEY

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TEAM - GUADALAJARA

1. THE ARA AND CA BUREAUS WILL NO DOUBT SHARE MY DEEP CONCERN ABOUT THE FINDING OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATIVE TEAM THAT SERIOUS IMMIGRANT VISA IRREGULARITIES HAVE OCCURRED AT GUADALAJARA. IT WILL ALSO BE RECALLED THAT THE FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS IN JULY/AUGUST 1977 IDENTIFIED OTHER SHORTCOMINGS IN THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S CONSULAR OPERATIONS. TAKEN TOGETHER THESE REPORTS SUGGEST THAT THE POST'S VISA PROCESSING PROCEDURES, FILING METHODS, EQUIPMENT CONTROLS, AND DELEGATIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY ARE TOO LOOSE AND TOO DISORGANIZED TO PROVIDE THE SAFEGUARDS JUDGED NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST.

2. ANXIOUS TO LEARN THE TRUE STATE OF THE GUADALAJARA CONSULAR OPERATION AND DETERMINED TO ESTABLISH PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES WHICH WILL INSURE EFFICIENT SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC WITH GUARANTEES CONCERNING THE PROPER PERFORMANCE OF THIS STATUTORY OBLIGATION, I REQUEST THAT A CONSULAR ASSISTANCE TEAM BE CREATED AND GIVEN THE MANDATE TO CONDUCT AN ACROSS-THE-BOARD ANALYSIS OF THE CONSULATE
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GENERAL'S CONSULAR FUNCTIONS WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE VISA SEGMENT.

3. WHILE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE, I REALIZE THAT EFFECTIVE RESULTS WILL HANG UPON HAVING A TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS ARE TRULY EXPERT AND WHO SHALL BE ABLE TO COMPREHEND AND ENVISAGE THE ORGANIZATION ESSENTIAL FOR SO LARGE AND SO

COMPLEX AN OPERATION. WHATEVER TIME IS NEEDED TO CREATE
SUCH A TEAM MUST OBVIOUSLY BE TAKEN. IN ANY EVENT BOTH
THE NEW CONSUL GENERAL, WHO ASSUMES CHARGE AT GUADALAJARA
ABOUT MID-JANUARY, AND I WILL FIND INVALUABLE THE
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE C.A.T. EXPERTS IN PUTTING RIGHT A
TROUBLESOME SITUATION.

4. THE C.A.T. TEAM WILL FIND OF INTEREST AND ASSISTANCE
THE RESULTS OF AN FBO SPACE SURVEY WHICH WILL BE MADE AT
GUADALAJARA ABOUT MID-JANUARY 1978. LUCEY

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